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1. According to current gossip, Slavcho Trunsky has expressed his discontent with Soviet interference in Bulgarian affairs. A certain Georgi Denchev, head of a clandestine group in 1944, had also spoken publicly in this way,

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2. There was believed to be a resistance group near Khaskovo which had killed 15 Communists in a nearby village during the month of May, but otherwise there was no knowledge of any active resistance group.

3. There was no sign of industrial sabotage in southeastern Bulgaria, during May 1951 an armory had been blown up in Sofia, allegedly by members of the Narodna Zashtita (National Defense) group.

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4. Passive resistance is by far the most common form of resistance activity and is practised by local farmers on a large scale in the neighborhood of Dervishka Moghila in the villages of Ustrem Monastir and Oreshnik and krushevo. The farmers purposely sow their fields very sparsely saying that the crop does not belong to them. The peasants do not declare their herds of cattle; for example one farmer who owns 70 sheep only declared 20, and another who owns 30 sheep declared 12. On two occasions the authorities attempted to check up on the above-mentioned farmers but with the help of friends they managed to hide their cattle.

5. Many farm owners hide their grain at threshing time; for example at the Kichevitsa cooperative farm in the Razgrad area, they hid sacks of grain in the chaff during the threshing and later were able to take them away. On one occasion, the authorities found fifteen sacks of grain hidden in this way.

6. Stern measures are taken by the militia to keep the farmers' production up to the norm standards, and this fact in itself encourages the farmers to band together and help each other. In the village of Studena, the head of the Svilengrad militia, Ivan Daev, came at night to the village

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
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and arrested Gocho Ivanov Gochev, Nicola Yanchev Kumanov, Atanas Mindev, the former mayor, and even Atanas Dimitrov Arnaudov, the most important Communist in the village, and took them to militia headquarters where they were beaten for not producing their grain quota. They were detained for fifteen days until their relatives and friends collected the amount required to obtain their release.

7.

 group named Bulgarsko-Narodno-Osvoboditelno-Dvizhenie, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Bulgaria  operated in the villages of Studena, Krumovo, and Dervishko. This loosely-knit group consists for the most part of small landholders, employees, and artisans who hold the same political views. The group undertakes no illegal activity.

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